MINUTES

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

AND

MINISTERIUM

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Convened at Bethel, Stanly County, North Carolina, May 5, 1854.

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MINUTES.

The Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina was held in Bethel Church, Stanly County, North Carolina, from the 5th to the 11th of May, 1854. The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. A. Linn, from 2d Cor. 6th chapter and 1st verse. According to the requirement of the Constitution, the President opened the first session of Synod with prayer, after a hymn had been sung by the congregation. The Secretary called the roll, and the members of Synod present, answered to their names:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK,*	*Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus, N. C.*
" WILLIAM ARTZ,‡	*Holt's Store, Alamance,* "
" SAMUEL ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan County,* "
" BENJAMIN AREY,†	*Statesville, Iredell* " "
" WILLIAM G. HARTER,	*Concord, Cabarrus* " "
" JACOB CRIM,	*Jerusalem, Davie* " "
" JOSEPH A. LINN,	*Gold Hill, Rowan* " "
" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	*Lexington, Davidson* " "
" JOHN SWICEGOOD,	*Brummell's* " " "
" S. SCHERER,	*Salisbury, Rowan* " "

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. GRIESON,*	*Brick Church, Guilford, N. C.*
" A. GRIMES,	*Hay Meadows, Wilkes,* "
" J. A. HEILIG,	*Concord,* "

*Absent, but afterwards appeared. ‡Absent with excuse. †Absent, and from whom nothing was heard.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. JOHN SLOOP,	*Rev. J. D. Scheck's*	*Delegate.*
" MATTHIAS BARRIER,	" *S. Rothrock's*	"
" E. W. BLACKWELDER.	" *W. G. Harter's*	"
" JOHN C. MILLER,	" *J. Crim's*	"
" PETER HARTMAN.	" *J. A. Linn's*	"
" RICHMOND HARTLEY.	" *L. C. Groseclose's*	"
" JOHN PHILLIPPIE.	" *J. Swicegood's*	"
" JOHN KETCHY.	" *S. Scherer's*	"
" HENRY DEAL,	" *J. S. Heilig's*	"

The President now read his Report, as his last official act, which on motion was accepted.

The next business in order being an election for officers of Synod for the ensuing year, was attended to, and resulted in the choice of

Rev. SAMUEL ROTHROCK, President.
" WILLIAM G. HARTER, Rec. Secretary.
" S. SCHERER, Corresponding Secretary,
M. BARRIER, Esq., Treasurer.

Rev. J. B. Anthony, Corresponding Delegate from the South Carolina Synod, was introduced, and it was

1. *Resolved*, That he be received to a seat among us according to our Constitution.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Deruelle, Bible Agent for the State of North Carolina, be received as an advisory member of our Synod.

COMMISSIONERS.

L. B. Krimminger, Esq., from St. James, at Concord, was admitted to a seat and participation in our deliberations.

William H. Smith, presented a certificate of appointment as Commissioner from the Church in Salisbury: also admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

The reading of the minutes of last Synod was dispensed with, and on motion referred to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Papers and Documents intended for Synod or Ministerium, were now called for and handed in.

3. *Resolved*, That the letter from Brother Artz be read.

A letter from Salem Church asking admission into our connexion, was read.

4. *Resolved*, That all the documents be retained by the President, and be presented to Committees to be appointed to-morrow.

Notice was given that an appeal from the decision of the Church Council of Union, by David Barringer, Esq., would be presented during this Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Baptisms. Infants,	Baptisms. Adults,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Restorations,	Dismissions,	Admissions,	Expulsions,	Burials,	Death of Members,	Miss. and Educational Societies.	Sunday Schools,	Teachers,	Scholars.	Bible Classes,	Prayer Meetings,
Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK,..	2	39	0	530	0	0	5	5	0	15	6	2	1	0	0	0	2
" WM. ARTZ, ...	1	11	0	40	4	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" S. ROTHROCK,.....	2	40	0	599	1	0	2	0	2	17	8	2	0	0	0	1	0
" J. A. LINN,.....	2	32	5	234	31	1	2	0	1	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
" WM. G. HARTER,...	3	23	1	200	7	1	8	2	0	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
" J. CRIM, ...	1	5	1	115	1	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
" L. C. GROSECLOSE,	4	10	10	210	13	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
" J. SWICEGOOD, ...	5	10	0	117	0	0	0	2	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" S. SCHERER,.....	4	48	13	547	96	2	0	1	0	00	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
" J. S. HEILIG,.....	2	21	0	220	9	0	1	0	0	00	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
" B. AREY.†.....	0	00	0	000	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

†No particular charge—no report.

5. *Resolved*, That a Committee of two be appointed to receive contributions for the Treasury of Synod.

Committee—Rev. J. Swicegood and John Philippie.

Centenary Treasurer reported:

Report of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund of the Synod of North Carolina, May, 1854:

Treasurer in account with Synod—to wit: - -	$594 22
One Note renewed, - - - - - - - -	193 50
" " " Prin. $221 50—int. $13 29, - -	234 79
" " " " 39 00—int. 2 24, - -	41 24
" " " " 30 00—int. 1 80, - -	31 80
Cash received from Synod by the hand of Rev. J. D. Scheck, last Synod, - - - - - - - - -	31 19
Cash received on Miller's Note, 1st March, 1854, on hands,	71 60
Total,	$594 22

JOHN SLOOP, Tr. Cent. Fund.

Rev. J. A. Linn, in the Chair—the Delegate to the South Carolina Synod reported:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Your Delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, would respectfully report, that he met with those brethren in St. Matthew's Church, Orangeburg District, in November last, and was very kindly received by them. The Synod of South Carolina is composed of forty-four Clerical members, including Ordained Ministers and Licentiates, thirty of whom were present.

Much business of an important and interesting nature was transacted, a detailed account of which may be found in the printed minutes of said body. The brethren composing said Synod, appear to cö-operate with great harmony and unanimity. The next meeting of Synod will be held in Mount Pilgrim Church Coweta County, Georgia, on Friday before the second Sabbath in November, 1854.

Your Delegate's expenses amounted to $7 55.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK.

Report accepted and on motion adopted.

6. *Resolved*, That the expense of the Delegate to the South Carolina Synod be paid by the Treasurer.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE SYNOD OF WESTERN VIRGINIA.

Your Delegate to the Synod of Western Virginia, respectfully reports as follows: That he met with the brethren of said Synod—he was cordially

received as the Delegate from this body, and invited to participate with them in all their deliberations.

These brethren expressed their fraternal regard towards us as a Synod, and showed their desire to continue the fraternal relations existing between us by the appointment of a Delegate to this body.

They manifested a laudable degree of zealous enterprise in the various benevolent operations of the age, and in the Master's cause generally. Most of the congregations within their bounds seem to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. The cause of Lutheranism is more prosperous in that region than at any former period since its introduction into Western Virginia. May the Great Head of the Church plant permanently the Lutheran standard in that lovely and fertile valley.

L. C. GROSECLOSE.

7. *Resolved*, That the report be received and adopted.

8. *Resolved*, That his account against Synod, amounting to $6 19 cents be refunded by the Treasurer.

9. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock, May 6, 1854.

Synod met according to adjournment, and engaged in religious exercises for half an hour. The roll was called and the members answered to their names. Its minutes were read and confirmed.

The brethren, Scheck and Arey, now appeared and took their seats.

Brother Arey stated that sickness in his family was the cause of his absence on yesterday, and brother Scheck was attending Court as a witness.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On President's Report—Rev'ds Groseclose and Swicegood.

On Petitions and Vacancies—Rev. J. B. Anthony and Messrs. Barrier and Miller.

On Finance—Rev. J. A. Linn and Messrs. Hartman and Sloop.

On State of Religion—Rev. J. Crim and Messrs. Blackwelder and Barrier.

On Unfinished Business—Rev. J. S. Heilig, and Messrs. Deal and Hartly.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Letters—Rev. J. D. Scheck, Messrs. Krimminger and Smith.

On Appeals—Rev. J. S. Heilig and Rev. Jacob Crim.

A petition was presented and referred to the Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.

Brother Arey gave notice that he would call the attention of Synod to Section fifth, chapter sixth of Formula, sometime during the meeting of Synod.

THE TREASURER OF SYNOD REPORTED.

The Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, would respectfully report as follows:

Balance in hand last year - - - - - -		$21 42
Received last Synod, - - - - - - - - -		64 88¾
Whole amount, - - - - - - - -		$86 30¾
Paid Rev'd John D. Scheck, as per order of Synod,		7 50
Paid J. J. Bruner, as per order of Secretary for printing of Minutes, - - - - - - - - - -	42 00	
	49 50	
Balance in hand, - - - - - - - - -		$36 80¾

Respectfully submitted,

MATHIAS BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Delegate appointed to represent this Body in the Sixteenth Convention of the General Synod, would respectfully report that he met the Delegates from sister Synods in Winchester, Virginia, on the 21st day of May, 1853. There were fifty-eight Ministerial and forty-four Lay Delegates in attendance from twenty District Synods, representing 560 Ministers and 1230 Congregations, and 113,000 communicants.

Four additional Synods were admitted, viz: Those of Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Northern Illinois and Texas. During its deliberations, an unusual spirit of peace, harmony and Christian fellowship prevailed; and although there existed previous forebodings, and a difference of opinion even during the meeting, yet all seemed to remember that they bore the same name, and belonged to the same redeemed family, having one Faith, one Lord, one Baptism; and all seemed to feel that they were engaged in a great work, that of blessing the world with the glorious Gospel of Christ.

Much important business was transacted, and the institutions under the fostering care of the Church were represented as being in a prosperous state, particularly those of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Wittenburg, Ohio, State University, Springfield, Illinois.

Among the resolutions passed by the General Synod, deserving the attention of this Body, is the following, contained on the 47th page:

Whereas, Intemperance is a great evil, seriously retarding the progress of Christ's Kingdom, and bringing incalculable evils on Society, and whereas every christian must rejoice at the success of any proper efforts for its removal, therefore

Resolved, That this General Synod views with great pleasure the success thus far attending the efforts for the removal of intemperance by the introduction of the Maine Liquor Law, and would be glad to see our Ministers co-operating with others in extending its principles throughout our land.

As the proceedings of the General Synod have been printed and extensively circulated, your Delegate deems a more detailed account unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. SCHECK.

10. *Resolved*, That the report be accepted and adopted.

11. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to sell the trunk containing the Archives of Synod and purchase another sufficiently large to contain said Archives; also a small book in which to transcribe the standing resolutions, and a portfolio for the use of Synod.

12. *Resolved*, That each Minister be required at each Annual meeting of Synod, to present to the Committee on the state of Religion, a written report of the state of Religion in his pastoral charge, and that this be a standing resolution.

13. *Resolved*, That brother Linn be requested to preach the Historical Sermon on Monday, inasmuch as brother Artz, who was appointed to this duty, was not present.

14. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn till Monday morning nine o'clock.

Prayer by the President.

The hour of preaching having arrived, the congregation assembled at the stand, when the Rev. Mr. Deruelle, Agent of the American Bible Society for this State, preached an interesting sermon from the text, Romans twelfth chapter and first verse. After which a collection was taken up in aid of the Bible Cause, amounting to $36 03. At night brother Groseclose preached from the text, Mark fifth chapter, 1—20th verse.

LORD'S DAY EXERCISES

At ten o'clock the congregation having assembled at the stand, divine services were introduced by singing and prayer, when the Rev. J. B. Anthony preached to a large assembly of attentive hearers, from the 80th Psalm, 1 verse.

After the Communion services were ended, and an intermission of an hour, brother S. Scherer preached the Missionary Sermon based upon Rev. fifth chapter and 12th v.; and a collection was taken up in aid of our Synodical Missionary Society.

May the blessing of God rest upon the labors of this day. Amen.

THIRD SESSION.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock, May 8, 1854.

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in singing and prayer. The roll was then called and

the members answered to their names. The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report

That the state of Religion within our borders during the past year, has not been so interesting as heretofore, though in some portions of our Zion there have been special out-pourings of the Spirit of God. Success has attended the labors of the Ministers of the Gospel, and through the gracious visitations of the Holy Spirit, many precious souls have been born unto God: the Church has been made to rejoice in God her Saviour, and own that God hath visited and redeemed his people, and the signs of the times seem to indicate that a better day awaits the Church. The Lutheran Observer is more widely circulated and read with deeper interest; the minds of the people are awake to benevolent enterprises, the preaching of the Gospel receives more marked attention, and generally speaking, there is manifested a deeper interest for the welfare of the Church.

Hence, let all these influences be brought to bear upon the minds of the people, and this work of grace will progress more powerfully, and the Church will be awakened from her spiritual slumber.

Respectfully,
JACOB CRIM,
MATHIAS BARRIER,
E. W. BLACKWELDER.

Adopted.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary presented:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Having with considerable care selected from the Minutes of several sister Synods such items as are deemed most important and interesting, your Corresponding Secretary would most respectfully submit the following:

1. *From the Minutes of the General Synod.*—This Synod last convened in Winchester, Virginia, May 21, 1853. Its officers are, Rev. Dr. J. Bachman, President; Charles A. Hay, Secretary; P. S. Mechler, Treasurer.

From report of the Committee appointed to consider the "propriety of publishing an edition of Hymn Book on small type,"

Resolved, That the Financial Hymn Book Committee be requested to con-

tract with some responsible person to have a 64mo. edition of our Hymn Book published on small and clear type.

Preamble and Resolutions.—"WHEREAS, The early religious instruction of the children of the Church, the lambs of the flock of Christ, is of the most vital importance, not to the children only, but to the Church;

And whereas, The present is a period wherein too much attention cannot be awakened and given to this important subject, since Romanists are most actively engaged in providing for the religious training of children, and are endeavoring in all our large cities and towns to wrest a portion of the public school funds for their common uses to themselves; therefore

Resolved, That the Synod affectionately and solemnly urge the Pastors and Parents of the Lutheran Church at large, to give due and becoming attention to the religious training and education of the children committed to their care.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to parents to set apart some portion of each Lord's Day, or some other day on which to inculcate the rudiments of our common faith by the use of the Word of God and the Catechism of our Church, and not wholly depend upon the Sunday School connected with any of their Churches, since that valuable auxiliary in every congregation cannot adequately accomplish the work of early religious education.

Resolved, That the preceding preamble and resolutions be read by Pastors to their Congregations.

PASTORS' FUND.

Resolved, That the Synod will continue to keep the Pastors' Fund under their own supervision in accordance with their original purpose.

Resolved, That five Trustees of the Pastors' Fund, consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen, be now appointed to take its management into their charge.

Now in the treasury of this Fund, $2,416 78.

RESOLUTION UNDER CHURCH EXTENSION.

Resolved, That one of the best methods under God of accomplishing this end, (to watch the movements of the Papal Hierarchy, and to counteract them by all peaceable and christian means,) is the general dissemination of the doctrines, principles and history of the glorious Reformation, and that for this purpose it is hereby again recommended to the Ministers of Synods connected with the General Synod annually to deliver a discourse on these important topics on the 31st of October, or some convenient Sabbath near it.

2. *On Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina.*—This Synod held its last meeting at St. Matthew's Church, Orangeburg District, South Carolina, November 11, 1853. Its officers are, Rev. G. Halliwanger, President; Rev. J. B. Anthony, Recording Secretary; Rev. L. C. Eichelberger, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. John Rauch, Treasurer of Synod; Mr. Joseph Wingard, Treasurer of Seminary Fund; Dr. P. Todd, Treasurer of Widows' Fund. The Synod numbers fifty congregations; 4536 Communicants; thirty-four Sunday

Schools; twenty-three Benevolent Societies. Eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty-two cents were collected for benevolent purposes. From report 2d we extract the following resolution:

Resolved, That as it is the duty of the Congregations to provide for the wants of those who labor for them in holy things, and, whereas the provision made in many of our Churches is wholly inadequate to the support of their pastors, it be earnestly recommended to such Congregations who have not yet attended to this important subject, that they proceed at as early a day as possible to deliberate on the means of providing comfortable homes and reasonable pecuniary support for their pastors.

It appears that J. B. Anthony is appointed Corresponding Delegate to this body, and whom we are grateful to see in our midst.

This Synod holds its next annual meeting at Mount Pilgrim Church, Coweta County, Georgia, commencing on Friday before the second Sabbath in November next.

It appears to be an active, benevolent and efficient body, engaged in the Master's work with much commendable zeal.

Appended to the minutes is a memoir as a tribute to our venerable Father and worthy Instructor at Lexington Seminary, South Carolina, the Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D. This doubtless will be read with interest by the brethren who can avail themselves of a copy.

3. *Synod of Virginia* met at Smithfield, Jefferson County, Virginia, October 6, 1853. Officers, Rev. A. P. Ludden, President; R. A. Fink, Secretary; Rev. A. R. Rud, Treasurer.

According to report on state of Religion, many Churches have "experienced the gracious out-pouring of the Spirit of God." In many "portions of the Church fine places of worship are being erected or are in contemplation." "In regard to the benevolent enterprises of the Church," says report, "our people are sadly defective, but of the abundance which God has given them, our people contribute but a few hundred whilst they ought to contribute as many thousands of dollars." Hence the following resolution

Resolved, That we endeavor more and more to reach the hearts and purses of our people, by prayer and preaching, so that they may give themselves and their means to the service of God.

May we not adopt this language as applicable to *us* and *ours*.

These brethren are endeavoring to come to amicable terms with their brethren of Tennessee Synod, and accordingly have appointed Rev. C. P. Krauth to represent them as delegate.

This Synod holds its next meeting at Martinsburg, Berkley County, Virginia, on Tuesday evening next preceding the second Sabbath in October, 1854.

4. *The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York*, held its fifty-eighth session at Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, Saturday September 3, 1853. Rev. W. D. Stroble, D. D., President; Rev. W. N. Scholl, Secretary; Rev. J. C. Duy, Treasurer.

This Ministerium numbers forty-nine ordained Ministers and five Licentiates. A number of miscellaneous remarks were attached to the parochial reports, showing that this is a prosperous, benevolent and efficient body

5. *Olive Branch Synod*, held its last annual meeting at Mount Pisgah, Indianapolis, Indiana. Officers, Rev H. Hellis, President; Rev. J. Keller, Secretary: Rev. E. T. Guiney, Treasurer. Ministers twenty-one: Churches forty-three: Communicants 1125. In report of Committee on a Temperance document, we find the following:

Whereas, The use of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, is detrimental to the cause of religion and the best interest of our common country: and *whereas* we have long prayed and labored for the total annihilation of this curse, and believing that for the accomplishment of this great and glorious end, the axe must be laid to the root of the tree, therefore in reliance upon Divine aid,

Resolved, That we, the members of this Synod, anew pledge ourselves the avowed and uncompromising enemies of all intoxicating liquors used as a beverage.

Resolved, That we do whatsoever our hands find to do with our might, to create a public sentiment which will call for and sustain the enactment of a prohibitory law similar in its general features, to what is usually termed the "Maine Law."

Resolved, That a copy of the "Maine Law" be appended to our minutes.

Synod of Miami convened at Mellville, Butler County, Ohio, June 2, 1853. Officers, Rev. A. Bartholomus, President: Rev. J. G. Harris, Secretary; Rev W. Harrison, Treasurer. Ordained Ministers 18; Licentiates 9: Congregations 55.

In the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Wittenberg College, we learn that Dr. Spreeher and Prof. Cowrod have been efficient in their efforts at raising an endowment fund for said Institution, reporting as the result of their labors, $11,195.

Wittinberg Synod held its last session at Findley, Hancock County, Septem-

ber 1, 1853. Officers, Rev. J. Livengood, President; Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Secretary. Number of Ministers 27; Congregations 50; Baptisms 264; Confirmations 221; Communicants 1846; whole amount contributed to various Societies $498 78, manifesting much commendable zeal.

From the President's report we extract the following: Several districts have been visited with times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Home Mission and Church Extension Societies are prosecuting their work with much enterprise and success.

Wittenberg College has enjoyed unusual prosperity during the past year. The number of students in attendance has been larger, 189, and their deportment marked in general, by the strictest propriety. Their proficiency in the different departments of study, as evinced in their public examinations, was such as to reflect much credit alike on themselves, and on the worthy Faculty and Tutors entrusted with their training.

The efforts made during the year to relieve the Institution of its pecuniary embarrassments have been attended with encouraging success.

Your Secretary would respectfully and particularly call the attention of Synod to the By-Laws for Congregations, and Constitution, By-Laws and Order of Business for Council Associations, appended to these Minutes, as their introduction into this body may be of essential service.

Synod of Maryland convened in the second English Lutheran Church of Baltimore, on the evening of the 20th October, 1853. Officers, Rev. F. R. Anspach, President; Rev. J. G. Butler, Secretary; Rev. C. J. Weyl, Treas.

As to Church Extension, we find in substance the following, which should stimulate us:

Resolvéd, That we will give it our cordial and efficient support; that all our pastors be requested to preach upon the subject, and take up collections and subscriptions for its fund; that we consider $6000 an equitable portion for our Synod towards raising the $50,000. We hope the Synod will take united and efficient action in support of said Society, and that some preliminary step may be taken during this meeting.

The reports of the brethren on the state of Religion are favorable and encouraging, and liberal contributions have been made to various charitable objects.

This Synod expresses itself very decidedly in favor of the "Maine Liquor Law" or something similar. It has passed a number of significant resolutions pertaining thereto.

Your Secretary will call the attention of this Body to a resolution found in the minutes of the extra session of Maryland Synod, held in Frederick, March 21, 1853:

Resolved, That the several Synods united with the General Synod be invited to co-operate with us in the support and management of the Lutheran Observer, by the appointment of a joint Committee of one from each Synod.

Minutes of Synod of Western Virginia have not been received. Your Secretary would have furnished many more items of Church and Missionary intelligence but for brevity; presuming too that most of the brethren are in possession of a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the General Synod, containing the desired information.

In conclusion, he would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we hail with joy the appearance of the Evangelical Magazine and Christian Eclectic, published at Easton, Pennsylvania, and likewise the Evangelical Lutheran, published at Springfield, Ohio; and that we heartily recommend them to our people, praying Heaven's richest blessing upon them.

Very respectfully submitted,

Adopted. S. SCHERER, *Cor. Secretary.*

REPORT ON APPEALS.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to submit the following:

No. 1, Is an appeal to this Body by Mr. J. A. Fink, from a decision of the Church Council of St. James, Concord, expelling him from Church membership.

We recommend the above to the early consideration of this Body. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. HEILIG,
JACOB CRIM,

Report received.

15, *Resolved*, That the consideration of this report be deferred and made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report beg leave to report the following items requiring the action of Synod, viz:

1. In relation to the Pastorate in Iredell County, (composed of St. Michael's and St. Paul's Churches,) the President informs you that brother Scherer took charge of said Pastorate for six months with a view to a permanent supply, but that at the end of six months he, for reasons satisfactory to himself, "suspended labor at St. Michael's," whilst he continues to serve St. Paul's. As this is a connected Pastorate, Synod should be informed by brother Scherer why he has suspended labor at the one Congregation and retains charge of the other.

2. With regard to our Literary Institution, the Committee would recommend,

That the Board of Directors report through their President, their proceedings during the last Synodical year, as required by the Constitution of Western Carolina Academy.

That the Committee of Correspondence appointed by Synod at its last annual meeting, report to Synod the result of that correspondence.

That we proceed forthwith to elect a principal professor, so that he may at his earliest convenience, take charge of Western Carolina Academy.

3. The third item in the President's Report, is his recommendation to district the Churches in connection with this Synod into "Pastorates;" each Pastoral District to build a Parsonage at a central or convenient point in every Pastorate. Regarding, as we do, the recommendation as very important, your Committee are at a loss to know how or what to recommend on this subject. Two ways in which it may be done suggest themselves, to wit:

By a Committee of Laymen and Clergymen appointed by Synod to ascertain the numerical strength and pecuniary ability of each Congregation in our connection; and so districting our geographical territory as either to unite a numerous and wealthy Congregation with one less numerous and wealthy, or uniting three or four together, any two of which would be unable, in a pecuniary point, to support a minister. Or—

By Synod calling a Convention composed of one or more Laymen from each Congregation in connection with this Synod, making it their duty to report to the Convention the number of communing members, and the probable amount of Salary they would be able to give to a Minister—said Convention then to

district our territory as above described—mutual restrictions upon both Ministers and Congregations to be imposed by Synod, and in case any future change be desirable in said Pastorates, the Synod alone have power to make them.

4. The fourth, and last item in the report, suggests the propriety of so amending our Constitution as to meet our relation to Western Carolina Academy. The Committee recommend the amendment of the Constitution, not only in this, but also in other respects, so as to make each article harmonize with one another; by striking out from the Constitution whatever is obsolete or contradictory, and inserting whatever may be necessary for definiteness and harmony.

As several other items in the President's report will be reported on by the Committee on unfinished business, your Committee have passed them unnoticed, except the last item in the report on which a separate report will be made and presented hereafter.

The Committee recommend that the President's report be inserted in our printed minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
J. SWICEGOOD.

On motion, this report was taken up by items and considered. First item was adopted, and brother Scherer being called upon, gave a statement of facts involved in the case.

16. *Resolved*, That we have heard brother Scherer's reasons for suspending labor at St. Michael's, and deem them satisfactory.

Second item in relation to this item it was

17. *Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Directors of Western Carolina Male Academy be presented.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, now in session at Bethel Church, Stanly County, May the 8th, 1854:

At the last meeting of Synod, you thought proper to elect a Board of Trustees for the purpose of building an Institution of Learning, to be located at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County, by name of Western Carolina Academy—to be under the control of Synod, and directed said Board to meet on a certain

day in June last. A majority of the Board met according to appointment, and elected a President, Vice President and Secretary, as required by the Constitution. It is made my duty as President of said Board to report to you the state and condition of said Institution. We, in the first place bought of Mathias Barger 16¼ acres of land and took his deed for the same, at five dollars per acre. Large enough for all building purposes on a high and elevated situation—appointed a Building Committee of five, who have let out the building to Mr. Weddington for $7,000, to be completed by the first day of January next.

It gives me pleasure to say that the builder is prosecuting his work with all possible despatch; he is now laying the rock wall for the foundation, and Mr. Smith who is to make the brick for the House, by contract with Mr. Weddington, has made a large number, and is prosecuting his work with all possible despatch. Whenever he has a sufficient number burnt, the corner stone is to be laid with religious exercises, and a Committee of three be appointed to procure the services of some individual to deliver an oration on said occasion suitable for such purposes.

I cannot tell when that day will be, but the committee will give timely notice of the same. We have elected a Treasurer, Jacob Ludwick, Esq., and and have taken bond and security to secure to the Institution all money that may come into his hands for building purposes by virtue of his appointment, and instructed him to collect forthwith. We also appointed a Treasurer—Mathias Barger, Esq., and taken from him bond and security for the faithful discharge of his duties to give certificates of Scholarships and take bonds or money for the same.

We have had the certificates printed under the superintendence of Messrs. Rothrock and Linn. I will here remark, that the amount subscribed in the hands of the Treasurer, is not quite $6,000, and the main building as contracted for, is $7,000. There is a deficiency of something over $1,000—the Building Committee have given their obligation to the builder for the amount and must pay it.

Relying on the liberality of the Churches, and the exertions of Synod to provide ways and means to raise the same, a committee was appointed to get a Charter for said Institution. We have got a petition in the Clerk's Office and signed by five of the Board: it requires seven, and it must be done before the Clerk. As soon as that is done I will send it to the Secretary of State—and by him to the Governor, who is authorized to issue a charter for the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. MELCHOR, President.

Report accepted and adopted.

18. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Correspondence appointed at last Synod, now report.

Upon which the Chairman stated that he had written a number of letters to certain persons relative to this subject, but had received no favorable reply.

Brother Scheck stated that he had received several applications in reference to the object of this correspondence.

Bro. Linn also informed Synod that he had corresponded with several brethren on this subject, and obtained the consent of two competent persons, whose names were proposed to this Synod as candidates for the Presidency of our Academy.

After eliciting all the information attainable in relation to those brethren whose names were proposed as candidates for this important station, a motion for adjournment prevailed.

Bro. Crim now asked and obtained leave of absence for himself and Delegate.

Synod adjourned to meet again after the meeting of the Missionary and Education Society.

Closed with a benediction.

At half after two o'clock, brother Linn preached the Historical Sermon; text, Job 8th chapter, 8, 9, 10, verses.

At half past four o'clock, the Synod was called to order, and after the roll was called, proceeded to business.

THE SEMINARY TREASURER PRESENTED HIS REPORT.

Moses Barrier, Treasurer of Seminary, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, as follows:

To one Note, due April 15, 1853, $500 00. Received Sept. 27th, 1853, $500 00 principal, and $13 50 cts. interest. Oct. 18th, 1853, loaned $500 principal and $13 50 interest.		
April 15, 1854, interest received on the above, - - - -		$28 90
To one Note, due April 15, 1854, - - - -	$294 00	
Interest on the above to April 15, 1854 - - -		17 64
To one Note, due April 15, 1853, - - - -	137 00	
Interest on the above to April 15, 1854, - - - -		8 22
To one Note, due April 15 1853, - - - -	107 50	
Interest on the above to April 15, 1854, - - - -		6 45
Whole amount of principal, - - - - -	$1038 50	
Amount of Interest, - - - - - - - . -		$61 21

MOSES BARRIER, Treasurer.

The above report was received and referred to the Financial Committee.

19. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at half after eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

Closed with prayer by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday Morning, May 9, 1854.

Synod met according to adjournment, and after the introductory services, the roll was called and the members of Synod answered to their names. The minutes were read and confirmed.

The subject of appeals now came up as the first business in order, according to fifteenth resolution.

In relation to this subject, the following was adopted:

Whereas, an appeal from the decision of the Council of St. James' Church, Concord, has come before this Body by J. A. Fink, and whereas this Synod deem the action of said Council irregular, and whereas this Synod is anxious to have said difficulty amicably adjusted, therefore

20. *Resolved*, That two persons chosen by Mr. Fink and two by the Church Council, and these four thus chosen, shall select a fifth person, who as a Committee, *in conjunction with the Council*, shall investigate and decide the original question of appeal, and that their decision shall be final in the case. The meeting to be held in the Church, in Concord, on the 24th May ensuing, at ten o'clock, A. M.

21. *Resolved*, That we now proceed to the election of a principal Professor in our Western Carolina Male Academy.

This election resulted in the unanimous choice of the Rev. William Gerhardt, of Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

22. *Resolved*, That the President, at his earliest convenience, inform the Rev. Mr. Gerhardt of his unanimous election, by this Synod, to the *first* Professorship of Western Carolina Male Academy.

The next business was the election of four Directors in our Academy for two years, which resulted in the choice of Rev. S. Scherer, Rev. L. C. Groseclose and Messrs. L. B. Krimminger and Daniel Barrier.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND VACANCIES.

The Committee on Petitions and Vacancies beg leave to submit the following Report—

1. Number one is a petition from the Church Council of St. James' Church, Concord, Cabarrus County, in which they earnestly solicit the Synod to make some arrangement by which they may be supplied with the means of grace. Your Committee would recommend the memorialists to your prayerful consideration.

2. Number two is a communication from the Church Council at Salisbury, in which your petitioners state that their new House of Worship is nearly completed, and that if they can obtain the monies which have been subscrib-

ed in Organ Church and others, they will have nearly, if not quite, enough to liquidate all demands against the building. They further earnestly petition your body to take into consideration the propriety of connecting some other Church with theirs as a Pastoral District. Or if this is impracticable, in some way to provide that they may have regular preaching. Your Committee commend their case to your favorable consideration.

3. Number three is a petition from the members of Salem Church praying admission into connection with your Synod. Your Committee recommend that their petition be granted them.

4. Number four is a communication from the Elders, Deacons and Members of St. Michael's Church, Iredell County, in which your memorialists petition for a dissolution of the connection now existing between that Church and St. Paul's Church in said County. Your Committee recommend the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the original connection existing between these Congregations has for several years been virtually dissolved, and whereas the late union formed by them at the meeting recommended by this Synod at its last session has been unproductive of the favorable results anticipated, therefore

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted them.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ANTHONY,
MATHIAS BARRIER,
JOHN C. MILLER.

Accepted and taken up by items and considered. Item first disposed of as follows:

23. *Resolved*, That Synod is unable to recommend any thing at present that would be of essential service to the Congregation of St. James' Church in Concord.

In reference to item second, it was

24. *Resolved*, That this part of the Report be laid over to a future period.

In relation to item third, it was

25. *Resolved*, That the request of the petitioners be granted.

Item fourth was adopted. The final adoption of the whole report was deferred till item second was disposed of.

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Committee appointed to receive and examine into the contributions made to Synod, report that the following sums have been contributed by the several Churches, viz:

From Rev. John D. Scheck's Churches.

Luther's Chapel,	$3 00	
St. John's Church,	8 00	$11 00

From Rev. Wm. G. Harter's Churches.

Bethel Church,	2 00	
Mount Carmel,	1 20	
Luther's Church,	1 00	$4 20

From Rev. S. Rothrocks Churches.

Organ (Zion) Church,	8 00	
St. Stephen's "	2 00	$10 00

From Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Churches

Beck's Church,	80	
N. & G. Sink,	50	
Sandy Creek,	2 75	
Frederick Town	2 00	
Pilgrim,	1 95	8 00

From Rev. J. A. Linn's Churches

St. Pauls,	3 00	
St. Matthew's,	4 00	$7 00

From J. Crim's Churches.

Bethel,	$87\frac{1}{2}$	
St. Matthew's,	$21\frac{1}{2}$	1 $08\frac{3}{4}$

From Rev. J. Swicegood's Churches.

St. Paul's,	2 00	
Richland,	2 00	
Low's,	2 00	
Nazareth,	1 00	
Hopewell,	1 00	8 00

From Rev. Wm. Artz' Churches.		
Zion Church, - - - - - - - -	50	50
From Rev. S. Scherer's Churches.		
Union, - - - - - - - - -	1 80	
St. Paul's, - - - - - - - -	1 50	—3 30
From Rev. J. S. Heilig's Churches.		
St. Enoch, - - - - - - - -	3 50	
Salem - - - - - - - - -	70	—4 20
Vacant Churches.		
St. James' - - - - - - - -	4 50	
Salisbury, - - - - - - - -	2 37½	
Frieden's, - - - - - - - -	6 90	—13 77½
Total, - - - - - -		$71 06½

J. SWICEGOOD, }
J. PHILIPPIE, } *Com.*

26. *Resolved,* That brother Philippie be excused from further attendance at this Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning half past eight o'clock. Closed with prayer by the President.

SIXTH SESSION.

Wednesday Morning half after 8 o'clock.

Synod met, after prayer the roll was called and the members answered to their names. The minutes were read and confirmed.

The third item in the President's Report was taken up and disposed of as follows:

27. *Resolved,* That the congregations in the bounds of this Synod be arranged into Pastoral Districts.

THE PLAN.

Whereas, This Synod has resolved on the expediency of forming the Congregations in its bounds into regular Pastoral Districts, therefore

Resolved, That a Convention be called by this Synod consisting of one Lay Representative from each Congregation numbering two hundred members or less, and of two Representatives from each Congregation numbering more than two hundred, and that said Representatives be elected by their respective Congregations.

Resolved, That said Convention shall take into consideration the expediency of dividing the Congregations into Pastoral Districts, and if practicable, proceed to district them; and that their action shall be final as to their present arrangement—Synod claiming the right in future to change or alter said Pastoral Districts, and that said Convention report the result of its action to the next annual meeting of Synod.

28. *Resolved*, That the $1 20 cents Centenary money from Bethel Church be added to the Centenary Fund, transferred by Synod to the Endowment Fund of Western Carolina Male Academy.

THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS REPORTED.

The Committee on Letters would report, that the only one that came into their hands, is from brother Artz, in which he states that circumstances beyond his control, render his attendance at the present meeting of Synod impracticable, and asks to be excused. He also encloses his Parochial Report, and a contribution for Synod from Zion Church, to which he preaches twice a month, and requests that the Secretary send to his address the number of copies of the printed minutes to which his contribution may entitle him.

Your Committee recommend that he be excused, and that his wishes be complied with.

Submitted with deference,

JOHN D. SCHECK,
L. B. KRIMMINGER,
WM. H. SMITH.

Adopted.

The Committee appointed to settle with Centenary Treasurer, reported:

The Committee appointed at last meeting of Synod, to effect a settlement with the Treasurer of Centenary Fund, beg leave to say that the duty thus enjoined, has been discharged. Submitted with deference,

JOHN D. SCHECK.

Adopted.

29. *Resolved*, That the first Thursday in December next be the time, and that Organ Church be the place for the meeting of the Convention to district our Synodical bounds.

Item fourth in President's Report, relative to the amendment of our Constitution, met by the following:

30. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to revise and amend our Constitution, so as to meet our relation to Western Carolina Male Academy, and report at our next annual meeting.

Committee—Rev. Joseph A. Linn, Rev. J. S. Heilig and M. Barrier, Esq.

The Report of the Committee on the Presidents Report, was then adopted as a whole.

An appeal from the decision of the Council of Union Church, by David Barringer, Esq., having been laid before this Synod, a Committee was appointed to investigate that subject, who in due time made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the difficulty presented in item second of report on appeals, take pleasure in stating that the matter has been amicably adjusted to the satisfaction of both parties.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. HEILIG,
MATHIAS BARRIER,
PETER HARTMAN.

Adopted.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE REPORTED.

Your Committee of Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the several Treasurers, to wit:

1. In reference to the report of the Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, they find that he has reported twenty-five cents more interest than is due Synod.

2. They find that the reports of the Treasurer of the Synod and of the Centenary Fund are correct.

3. Your Committee have also received and paid over to the Treasurer of Synod, all the Synodical Contributions sent up to this Body, and have taken his bond for all funds in his hands.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH A. LINN,
PETER HARTMAN,
JOHN SLOOP.

Adopted.

31. *Resolved*, That this twenty-five cents be refunded to the Treasurer.

32. *Resolved*, That the interest of the Seminary Fund, amounting to sixty dollars and ninety-six cents, be by the President forwarded to the Seminary Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, at Lexington, South Carolina, by the earliest opportunity.

On motion, brother Hartman, Lay Delegate, was excused from further attendance at this Synod.

On motion, Synod took a recess of one hour.

RECESS.

After recess, brother Arey called for the sense of Synod on chapter 6, section 5, of Formula. Upon which it was

33. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Synod, that in a vacant charge composed of more Congregations than one, said Congregations, according to the aforesaid *Chapter and Section*, shall hold their election for a Pastor in their respective Churches. But

34. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod, by mutual consent of several Congregations constituting a pastorate, said Congregations may meet at some central point agreed upon for the election of a Pastor.

Brother Arey asked and obtained leave of absence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business would submit the following items:

Item first refers to the appointment of a Committee to investigate the complaint of the Church Council of the Congregation in Salisbury, against the Rev. John D. Scheck.

Item second, refers to a preamble and resolutions recommending a Semi-Centenary Celebration, with a view mainly, to obtain donations to Western Carolina Academy.

Your Committee would recommend the above to the consideration of this Body. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. HEILIG,
HENRY DEAL,
P. HARTLY.

35. *Resolved*, That the subject specified in item first, be referred to a Committee of Arbitration, composed of three persons, one to be chosen on the part of the Council in Salisbury, and one on the part of the Rev. John D. Scheck, and that they select a third to meet in Salisbury at an early day to settle the subject of complaint, and report to Synod at its next annual meeting.

In relation to the second item, it was

36. *Resolved*, That we now proceed to provide ways and Means for the building of Western Carolina Male Academy, and all necessary buildings thereto appertaining.

37. *Resolved*, That we most earnestly recommend that each Minister of this Synod, by the earliest possible convenience, call on his Congregations for subscriptions and donations for Western Carolina Male Academy.

38. *Resolved further*, That said Ministers report the result of their efforts to the Board of Directors by the first day of September next.

The whole Report was then adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to brother Sloop, from the future sessions of this Synod. Brother Henry Deal was also excused.

39. *Resolved*, That ever hereafter, all the Treasurers of the different Funds under the control of this Synod, and also the President of the Board of Directors of Western Carolina Male Academy, be received as advisory members of this Synod,, and that this be a standing resolution.

On motion, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning half past eight o'clock. Closed with the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Thursday, *May* 4, 1854.

Synod met according to adjournment, and engaged as usual in religious exercises. After the roll was called, the minutes were read and confirmed.

The subject of Vacant Congregations now came up for consideration. In relation to the Church in Salisbury, it was

40. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Congregation to continue the labors of brother Harter, till they can make better arrangements.

Whereas, this Synod, at its meeting in Frieden's Church, Guilford County, did form a Pastoral District comprising the following Churches, viz: Frieden's, Richland and Zion's Churches, and in view of the action of the present Synod providing for the districting of all our Churches into Pastorates by a Convention, therefore

41. *Resolved*, That the aforesaid Pastorate is hereby dissolved.

In relation to the Church at Newton, N. C., it was

42. *Resolved*, That a protracted meeting be held there, commencing on Thursday evening preceding the third Sunday in July next, to be attended by Rev. S. Scherer, Rev. John D. Scheck, Rev. L. C. Groseclose, Rev. W. G. Harter, and as many others as can attend.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions and Vacancies, was then adopted as a whole.

43. *Resolved*, That the transcribing or copying into the Register the printed Minutes of this Synod, be hereafter dispensed with, and that the Secretary have bound a file of the printed minutes for the Archives.

44. *Resolved*, That an abstract of the proceedings of the Education and Missionary Society, be appended to the minutes of Synod.

45. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns, it stand adjourned to meet again on Friday before the first Sabbath in May 1855.

46. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of each Minister in connection with this Synod, to present with his Parochial Report a complete list of all the contributions of his charge to benevolent and local enterprises.

47. *Resolved*, That twelve hundred copies of the Minutes of Synod be printed; that two copies be sent to each of the Synods with which we are in regular correspondence, and one to every other Lutheran Synod in the United States.

Synod now went into an election for Corresponding Delegates to Sister Synods, which resulted in the choice of Rev. L. C. Groseclose, principal, and Rev. S. Scherer, alternate to the South Carolina Synod.

Rev. Joseph A. Linn, principal, and Rev. J. Swicegood, alternate, to Western Virginia Synod.

48. *Resolved*, That the Pastors of Bethel Church express our sincere thanks to the members and friends of Bethel Congregation for their kindness and hospitality extended to us, during our sojourn among them; and that we unite in invoking Heaven's richest blessing upon them.

49. *Resolved*, That we now proceed to determine by ballot, the place of the next annual meeting of Synod.

Two places were put in nomination for the next meeting of Synod, viz: Luther's Church, Rowan County, North Carolina, and Frederick Town, Davidson County, N. C.

Upon counting the votes, it appeared that Frederick Town was chosen as the next place of our meeting, in May 1855.

The proposition of the Maryland Synod made to this and other Synods, in relation to the Lutheran Observer, was taken up and considered, and the following resolution adopted:

50. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the proposition of our brethren of the Maryland Synod relative to the Lutheran Observer, and will most cordially and cheerfully give it our support, yet for the present, we are not prepared to take definite action upon the appointment of the proposed Committee.

The minutes of to-day, were then read and confirmed.

51. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place above specified.

Closed with prayer by the President.

The foregoing is a faithful exhibit of the proceedings of the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

WILLIAM GEORGE HARTER,
Recording Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

Saturday, May 6, 1854.
half past 2 *o'clock P. M.*

The Ministerium met in obedience to the call of the President, and commenced its business with singing and prayer by brother J. B. Anthony.

The Sermon and Journal of Rev. John S. Heilig, were presented; upon which it was

1. *Resolved*, That the Sermon and Journal of brother Heilig, be referred to a Committee for examination and report.

Committee—Rev. L. C. Groseclose and Rev. J. Crim.

2. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn, subject to the call of the President.

Dismissed with a benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday Morning, 8 *'oclock.*

The Ministerium met. After prayer by brother Crim, the roll was called, and the brethren answered to their names. The minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

The Committee to whom were referred the Sermon and Journal of brother Heilig, reports the following:

1. From the abstract of his Journal, in our hands, he appears to have been actively engaged during the last Synodical year in preaching, catechising, and performing the various other duties incumbent upon the Gospel Minister.

2. In regard to the Sermon, we remark, that the theme is benevolence—is

clearly set forth, naturally arranged, and the ideas clothed in perspicuous and appropriate language. The whole sermon evinces patient thought, and the selection of appropriate scripture illustrations.

The reading of this sermon, together with his journal, and the time he has been licensed, suggest to your Committee the propriety of recommending brother Heilig to an examination before the Ministerium with a view to his ordination.

Respectfully submitted,
L. C. GROSECLOSE,
JACOB CRIM.

Adopted.

3. *Resolved*, That a Committee of two, consisting of the President and J. A. Linn, be appointed to conduct the examination of brother J. S. Heilig, with a view to his ordination.

4. *Resolved*, That we adjourn, subject to the call of the President.

Closed with a benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

Opened with prayer by brother Groseclose. The roll was called, and the members of the Ministerium answered to their names. The minutes were read and confirmed.

Brother J. S. Heilig was now introduced for examination according to the recommendation of the Committee on his Sermon and Journal. After a lengthy examination of the candidate upon constitutional subjects, it was

Resolved, That the examination now close.

The question of ordination was then decided by ballot in the affirmative.

6. *Resolved*, That brother John S. Heilig's ordination be performed by the Officers of this Ministerium in St. Enoch's Church, on the fourth Sabbath of August, and this meeting be attended by as many of the ministerial brethren as can make it convenient so to do.

7. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn.

Closed with a benediction.

WILLIAM G. HARTER,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren—On Monday next fifty Ecclesiastic years will have passed away, since the organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, in the Town of Salisbury, Rowan County. The two preceding days were employed in holding a meeting in Pine Church, (now Union) and on Monday the Ministers adjourned to Salisbury to organize said Synod. And now, at this far distant day, secluded from the scenes and tumult of the outer world, and far away from the din of strife and war, in the enjoyment of peace and plenty, we meet again to unite our prayers, our councils and deliberations for the glory of God, and the prosperity of our beloved Zion.

"And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give
For his redeeming grace!
Preserved by power Divine
To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus praise we join,
And in his sight appear.
What troubles have we seen!
What conflicts have we pass'd!
Fightings without and fears within,
Since we assembled last."

Among the many obligations originating in our present capacity, is that of gratitude to God. To praise him for his goodness should be our first and last business on this occasion. Amid the various vicissitudes of the past Synodical year, death has not been permitted to make any inroads in our Ministerial ranks, and by far a less number of the Laity of our Church have been removed from our midst.

In compliance with our Synodical Constitution, I proceed to give an account of the sacred trust, by you committed to my hands, during the year which is now closed.

OFFICIAL.

1. *Vacancies and Supplies.*—Sometime after the adjournment of our last meeting of Synod, I received a note from Rev. S. Scherer, informing me that he had taken charge of St. Michael's and St. Paul's Pastorate, Iredell County, for six months, with a view to a permanent supply.

Believing that they had become harmonized, and that the spirit of the 10th resolution found in your last minutes as your recommendation to them, was carried into effect. But since then, he has informed me, that, for reasons satisfactory to himself, he has suspended labor at St. Michael's Church, but continues to preach at St. Paul's. Inasmuch as this is an established Pastorate, and to resign one and not both would seemingly conflict with your last action taken in regard to them, it may, therefore, be important that brother Scherer state his reasons to this body for suspending labor at said Church.

Quite recently, brother Scherer informed me, that he had taken charge of Frieden's Church, Guilford County, and engaged to supply them with monthly preaching.

In the month of October last, Rev. William G. Harter

informed me that he had resigned St. James' Church, Concord, Cabarrus County. This Church is still vacant and should be soon supplied.

In February last, Rev. John Swicegood informed me by letter, that he had taken charge of the following Churches, viz: Richland, Randolph County, St. Paul's, Alamance County, and Lau's Guilford County.

2. *Church Extension.*—Under date of last November 21st, I received a communication from brother Harter, in which he states, that on the fifth Sabbath of October preceding, the new Church, known as Mount Carmel, was dedicated to God. Rev. J. D. Scheck assisted in the dedication service. The congregation numbering at that time, sixty communicant members.

I am also informed that brother Arey has in part organized a new congregation in the Southern part of Iredell County.

OUR LITERARY INSTITUTION.

We have ever regarded the establishment of such an Institution, within the limits of our Synod, as a most important and essential instrumentality to the prosperity of said Synod,—the extension of her borders, and an increased intelligence among our Laity. We are happy in the realization of our wishes, to say that it is no more among the things to be contemplated or desired, but that it has an existence in a living and growing form.

In the providence of God it has been committed to our care—to bear in mind the claims it has upon us, to anticipate its wants, and as a dutiful parent to water it with our ardent prayers and increased liberality. Inasmuch as we have a Board of Directors, who through its President will,

according to constitutional requisition, make a full report of the success we have attained, we deem it unnecessary in our present capacity to mention any of the details thereof.

The Committee of Correspondence, appointed with a view to securing the services of some competent man as principal Professor in said Institution have failed to be as successful as was supposed, owing to the fact that men of our preference are already occupying prominent stations in the Church, and are loth to sever the long and ardent attachments formed, and leave the responsible amount of labor laid to their hands. We have, however, at length secured the promise of several competent and experienced Teachers, who say, that if elected, they will serve us. Believing that the time has come when we should proceed to make a judicious choice of a principal Professor, I would recommend an election during the present meeting of Synod to your most sincere and prayerful consideration.

Believing also, that the spirit of the plan of a "Semi-Centenary Celebration," as recommended at your last Synod has not been carried into effect generally, or at least failed to meet the wishes of many of its friends, the principal object of which was to secure "donations and subscriptions in aid of our Literary Institution," I would, therefore, recommend that some plan be adopted at the present meeting of Synod, by means of which a renewed and general effort shall be made throughout all our Churches vacant and supplied.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Before I close, permit me to offer a few suggestions. It is a well known axiom in our Synod, that for years past, there has not that fraternal feeling existed among us, as Ministers of the Gospel, that should ever characterize so

sacred an office; and that there is a consequent want of confidence on the part of congregations in general, for their respective Pastors.

That this evil exists, is without doubt; the proper procedure then, would be to discover the ulcer that gives this pain, and apply the remedy. For the existence of such a spirit, we are not prepared to account in a direct manner, but feel convinced, that in most instances, they are attributable to secondary causes—found mainly to exist in the fact, that we have no regular established Pastorates. And when Synod, in her *recommendatorycapacity*, would seem to favor the union of certain Churches into a Pastorate, but little respect is paid to said recommendation. We seem to act if all our Churches were thrown into one common mart, to be disposed of upon the principles of a broker's office, the most successful jobber to be the incumbent for the time being.—There being no consequent mutual restrictions thrown around the Pastor and his Congregations, each at pleasure may discard the other. Thus the Minister is isolated down to one meagre Church perhaps, left to perish; or feeling that all Churches are common stock, he intermeddles with another's rights.

Contra—a Minister discards a Church at pleasure and leaves it in a situation not likely to be soon supplied, and seeks another preferable elsewhere. From long observation, we are prepared to attribute by far the majority of our scenes of confusion, and instances of Ministerial unkindness to the above latitudinarian principles, established by mere force of circumstances, and not by good ecclesiastical policy.

Now let the Synod act in her *declarative capacity*, by means of constitutional restrictions. Let there be something like an equality in Pastorates established, having reference

to numerical strength and wealth combined, ever giving to the people the choice of their Pastor; but at the same time so restricting *them* that one congregation shall not at pleasure dismiss their Pastor without the consent of the others. Said consent to be obtained either by a majority vote, or which may be preferable, a vote upon the principle of a *basis representation*.

And when a Pastor has so taken charge of a Pastorate, let *him* be so restricted as not to resign a part, without resigning the whole. Then let it be urged upon each estabtablished Pastorate to build a Parsonage somewhere central. This would give the Minister a central home among his people, and serve as an inducement not to give too much of his time to secular employments, to the exclusion of more important Ministerial duties. Under such a system, we believe quiet and harmony would measurably be restored to our Synod, the restless and unhappy spirit pervading many of our Churches, and frequent ruptures and disaffections between Pastors and People would seldom recur.

Prompted by no other, than an honest and sincere wish for the welfare and future prosperity of our beloved Zion, have I presented this subject to your prayerful consideration. I see nothing in our Synodical Constitutions, either General or Local, or in "Formula of Discipline" to debar us from such a procedure. So long as the restrictions are mutual, and the majority may rule, it is purely republican, and commends itself.

I would further suggest whether this might not be a suitable time for taking some action relative to the amendment of our Synodical Constitution, so as to meet the relations we owe to our Classical School, now under our care.

Brethren, in retiring from office, I now tender to you my

sincere thanks for the confidence reposed in me, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may vouchsafe unto you his grace. And as matters of grave and very serious import will no doubt come before you for discussion and final action, let the guidance and enlightening influences of the Holy Spirit be given, to influence the heart and enlighten the mind. That all our deliberations may be owned and blessed of Heaven's King, and we in the end brought to the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

JOSEPH A. LINN.

May 5, 1854.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Education and Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Education and Missionary Society met on Monday two o'clock P. M., at *Bethel Church, Stanly County, North Carolina.*

The object of the Society having been explained, the members proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows:

Rev. JOHN D. SCHECK, *President*,
" SIMEON SCHERER, *Vice President*,
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary*,
Mr. D. M. ISENHOUR, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer now presented his *Annual Report*, which on motion, was referred to a Committee, consisting of C. A. Heilig and J. E. Honeycutt, Esqrs.

A Committee was appointed to receive, count and pay over to the Treasurer, the money collected at this meeting, consisting of Rev. W. G. Harter, and Capt. J. Sloop.

The President then appointed the following Executive Committee, viz: Rev. S. Scherer, Rev. Wm. G. Harter, Rev. Joseph A. Linn, Rev. John Swicegood, and Rev. S. Rothrock.

Also, a *Board of Directors*, consisting of Capt, J. Sloop, L. B. Krimminger, Esq., C. A. Heilig, Esq., D. M. Isenhour, M. Barrier, Esq., E. M. Correll, D. Barringer, Esq., George Misenheimer, Joseph Cook, Rev. Jacob Crim, P. Ridenhour, and J. E. Honeycutt.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Lentz, student at Roanoke College, Virginia, making application for aid, as a beneficiary.

On motion, the application of Mr. Lentz, was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of last year reported as follows:

As Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Education and Missionary Society, I would state, that the Committee held but one meeting during the past year, at which it was by resolution, made the duty of the Chairman to correspond with the Rev. Dr. Schmucker relative to supplying our Missionary field with a graduated student from the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I did not, however, correspond with Dr. Schmucker, because I learned from the Rev. Mr. Hawkins, of Virginia, that all the graduates of last Fall, were already engaged to supply vacant places in the North. Your Committee have not been able to procure a Missionary. It is evident, that if our vacant Churches are to be supplied, this supply must come from our own midst, and hence the sooner our Academy can be opened for the instruction of young men, at the earlier day will we be supplied with suitable men, not only to occupy our present field, but also to enlarge the boundary of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Chairman.*

A motion to adjourn, subject to the call of the President, now prevailed. Closed with a benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, half after 2 P. M.

The Society was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the former session was dispensed with.

The Committee on collections and contributions now presented their report, which, in consequence of the contributions not having all been paid in, was on motion, referred back to the Committee.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report, reported as follows:

Your Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report, have examined said report, and find it to conflict with the vouchers in his hands in the following items, viz:

Reported Beneficiary Notes, - - - -	$679 17	—$679 17
Vouchers in Treasurer's hands, - - - -	400 00	
Cash on hand, - - - - - -	76 70	
Total vouchers and cash in Treasurer's hands,	$476 70	—476 70
Deficit, - - - - - - - - - -		$201 47

For the above deficit we are unable to account.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. HEILIG, J. E. HONEYCUTT, } *Committee.*

On motion, a Committee was appointed to examine and correct, by former minutes, the discrepancy in the report of the Treasurer of last year.

Committee—Rev. John S. Heilig and M. Barrier, Esq.

Rev. J. Swicegood asked of the Society a compensation for preaching at Nazareth Church, Forsythe County, during the past year. This being a Missionary Field, it was,

on motion, agreed that he receive ten dollars—the amount by him collected this year for Missionary purposes.

The President appointed the following brethren, (as principal and alternate) to preach the Missionary Sermon, viz: Rev. William G. Harter, principal and Rev. John S. Heilig, alternate.

On motion, the Society adjourned, subject to the call of the President. Closed with a benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, M.

The Society was called to order, and opened with prayer by Rev. J. Swicegood. The Committee appointed to receive and count the collections and contributions, reported as follows:

Collection on Sabbath,	$19 65	
" " Monday,	19 70	
Bethel Church, for Missionary Society,	3 00	
William G. Harter " "	1 00	$43 35

Contributions received through Rev. S. Scherer.

Foreign Missions,	$3 70	
Donation,	1 00	
Education purposes,	50	$5 20

Received from Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Charge.

Beck's Church,	80	
M. Sink, Sr.,	2 00	
G. Sink,	1 00	
Philip Swicegood, Sr.,	3 00	
Sandy Creek Church,	3 62½	
Frederic Town Church,	3 62½	14 05

From Rev. J. Swicegood's Charge.

Richland Church,	1 87½	
Low's, Church,	3 57	
St. Paul's Church,	4 60	10 04½

From Rev. J. Crim's Charge.

St. Matthew's Church,	1 06¼	
Mineral Springs,	1 25	
Bethel Church,	1 12½	3 43¾

From Rev. J. Heilig's Charge.

St. Enoch's Church,	2 87½	
Salem,	1 35	4 22½
Total		$80 30¾
To which is added the amount of cash in the Treasurer's hands,		81 70
Total amount of cash in the Treasurer's hands,		$162 00¾

Your Committee ascertained that the funds in the Treasurer's hands have not yielded any profit to the Society during the past year. We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer endeavor to loan all monies which may not be called for by the Executive Committee, into safe hands, with a view of increasing our Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM G. HARTER,
JOHN SLOOP.

On motion, Rev John S. Heilig, was appointed a Committee to convey the money on hand and vouchers to the Treasurer of this Society.

On motion, the minutes were read and confirmed.

On motion, the Society now adjourned to meet at the

time and place of the next Annual Meeting of the Synod.

Closed with prayer by the President.

I certify that this is a true copy of the proceedings of this Society.

L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary.*

Officers of Synod.

Rev. SAMUEL ROTHROCK, *President*,
" WM. G. HARTER, *Recording Secretary*,
" S. SCHERER, *Corresponding Secretary*.
M. BARRIER, Esq., *Treasurer*.

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